Drought in Karnataka

341. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount sought by Karnataka to tackle the drought;

(b) the amount released so far, during 2002-2003; and

(c) the amount recommended by the Central team for Karnataka to tackle the drought?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The State Government has sought assistance of Rs. 1562.85 crore from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF). The amount found admissible to the State is Rs. 221.46 crore. This is, however, subject to adjustment of the balance amount available in its Calamity Relief Fund (CRF).

Contingent plan against drought in A.P.

342. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the status of drought situation in Andhra Pradesh this year, giving the details of District-wise scanty and deficient rainfall in the State;

(b) whether Andhra Pradesh Government had drawn up contingent plan for alternate crops and resowing and supply of drinking water and fodder;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the assistance provided to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) As on 30.9.2002, i.e. date of withdrawal of South-West Monsoon, 16 districts in Andhra Pradesh received deficient rainfall. No District was in scanty category. The State Government had drawn up